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THREE CENTS.

FIRE IN A CONVENT.

The Convent of the Immaculate Conception at Belleville Burned

Twenty-Seven Pupils and Sisters Reported to Have Been Lost.

Some Jumped From the Windows and Roof and Were Instantly Killed.

Last of Those Who Are Reported Among the Missing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- A special to the Inter Deem from Belleville, Ill., says: St. Joseph's Roman Cathelie convent here was burned to the ground at an early hour this morning. Five nons jumped from a fifth-story window. One of them was killed and the others are

Sr. Louis, Mo., Jan. 6.-In the convent at Belleville there were sixty pupils, all girls from 10 years to adult age, several chers, and a number of other iumates. The fire is said to have started in the rear of the third story, which was used as a dormitory. An attempt was made by the sisters to extinguish the flames, but, this failing, effects were made to save the pupils. The fire spread so rapidly that order could not be preserved, and a panic seized both the children and the sisters, all roaxing a wild, confused rush to escape. Forty or more pupils are known to have get out or were taken from the building have got out or were taken from the building and given shelter in the neighboring houses, but several, in their fright, jumped from windows and were either killed or badly injured. Miss Mary Campbell, of East St. Louis, a teacher, leaped from the third story and died in a few minutes. Another, whose name has not been ascertained, climbed to the roof portice and either fell or was blown off, sustaining fatal injuries. Among the others injured by jumping are Daisy Eberman, who resides four miles from Belleville; Agnes Schneider and Lou Motte, of East St. Louis; Fanny Renker, of Washington, Mo.; Sister Reparata, ker, of Washington, Mo.; Sister Reparata, Sister Stylita, and Sister Manussa. Sister Mary Jerome, the lady superior, and sisteen to twenty of the smaller pupils were missing at a late hour last night, and it was feared that sense of them had perished in the build-ing. Searching parties are actively at work

scene at the fire was one of the wildest excitement and terror. The streets in the vicinity were througed with people auxious to be of service, but owing to the rapid spread of the flames they were helpless, while ter-rer stricken perents rushed frantically around searching for their missing children and wailing over their loss. The fire de-partment was of little avail against the mad rush of eurging flames, and in one hour the enfire building was a mass of ruins.

The convent was known as the institue of The convent was known as the institute of the insuactiste Conception, and was con-ducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame. The fire was the most destructive to life and property that Belleville has ever experienced. A visit to the scene this morning showed the fire department still on duty, successoring to queuch the flames, so as to preserve in recog-nizable shape the bedies of the victims. when the ruins were sufficiently cooled a volunteer corps went to work to bring out the bodies. It was a terrible sight. At times the searchers would find two or three charred masses huddled close together, as if the victims had songht protection from one another from the advancing fismes. Two bodies were the advancing fismes. Two bodies were found in the rear part of the building burned into an unrecognizable mass, but the ma-jority were found beneath where the domaitary was situated. They seemed to have sought shelter in this room too late to recog-nize that it was impossible to escape from it. The flames beneath, eating away the supports, let down the floor into the seething

ortex of fire and smoke.

The loss of life is much greater than esimated last night. Instead of two, as at first timated last night. Instead of two, as at first supposed, the total known deaths are twenty-Eeven—twenty-two pupils and five sisters Among the latter is the sister superior. On the fourth floor the pupil boarders, with three sisters, slept; on the third floor the remaining

sisters, slept, and on the second, or the floor sisters slept, and on the second, or the floor above the basement what are termed orphans and half orphans slept. The inmates on the second floor were saved.

The following is a list of the saved: Proxic Schlernitzeur, Mamie Fitzgerald, Aana Franke, Maggie Donohue, Ora Montgomery. d'Emily Fournie. On this floor were the and Emily Fournie, On this noor were the following candidates for the veil, who es-caped: Miss Josephine, Miss Bridget, Aiss Johanna, Miss Gretchen, and Miss Eliza. The missing are Martha Mauntel, of Caron-delet, Ma; Mary Bartelles, of Missouri Josephine Ploudre, daughter of County Commissioner Ploudre, of Centra-sille Station III. Latta Placeon St. Louis

County Commissioner Plondre, of Centra-yille Station, ill.; Lotts Pinceon, St. Lonis; Sarie Welmar, St. Lonis; Emma Stark, Car-bondale, Ill.; Mamie Scaling, Agnes Scaling, St. Louis; Ligzie Isch, Cantreville station; Laura Thompson, Chester, Ill.; Mamie Pules, Columbia, Ill.; Minute Baliey, Bellaville; Hilda Jianucell, Trenton, Ill.; Emily Leon-baret, Trenton; Virginia Heinzelman, Bello-yille; Kitty Urbana, Vandsila; Gertrade Stranck, Germany; Mary Bien, Belloville; Kary Jianning, St. Louis; Delphia Schler-nitzeur, Bellaville; Sister Superior Mary Je-rome and Sisters Medride, Agnelia, and Ed-wina. Miss Bailey was a grandus ughter of Col-John Thomas, of this city, Sister Mary Je-rome was known in the world as Barbara Lill. She was bern at Pittsburg, Pa. Sister Ldwina some was known in the world as Barbara Itill.
Sin was been at Pittsburg, Pa. Sister Lidwina
was fogmerly known as Bridget Metadrey.
She was born in Irwined, and Sister Agnolia
was formerly known as Margaret Shanahan.
She was born in New Orleans. The tire was
gatased by the tureacc in the basement, and
when descovered the floor immediately above
was ablaze, and volumes of smoke were
apidly posting through the stairways, corrileves, and pairs of the building. By rapidly posting through the stairways, corri-lors, and balls of the building. By the time the sleepers were theroughly aransed all avenues of escape were filled with blinding smoke. A panic emand and the scene that followed was heartrending be-send description. The extreme cold retarded his work of the fireness, and even if they bould have reached the scene without delay, y could have been of little service in res-ng the victims. There were no lidders in thre department and no provisions were nade for such a deployable emergency y the managers of the inclination he unfortunate inimates were, therefore, oweries to help themselves, and those who were witheses of the horrible halocaust were able to kelp them. The manner of escap-nach of the survivors could not be learned they Eberman was slightly injured. Agno-Daisy Eberman was slightly injured. Agrees chincider Jumped from a window, but was not dangerously furt; Lon Mott was quite saily hurt; Lona Horn and Fanate Punkevere seriously, but not fatally, injured. At 4 p. m. cloven bedies had been coovered from the rains, and to it as and triends of the unfortunets had needed in identifying the following persons: Miss Werinao, Miss Strussk, Miss Maising, Miss Heinzelman, Miss lach, and Miss unigen. The bedies could only be identified y portions of their clothing which had eaped the flames. All that hew remains of

dued at from \$05,060 to 75,000; insuran-

ed the flames. All that now remains of famous convent of the Immunentate Con-tions is the charred, broken walls. The les of several of the victims are yet in the

said that while in Washington recently he had seen enough to convince him that no power but that of the Almignity could save the Mormon people. "If God does not pilot the ship," he said, "she will ge down." Apostles Thatcher and Richards are now on their way to Washington to attend to Utah affairs.

VARIOUS FIRES.

The St. Nicholas Block, in St. Louis, Destroyed-Ravages of the Flames in Other Places.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 6 .- At about 12 o'clock Friday night fire broke out in the old St. Nicholas hotel building, on Fourth street, which resulted in its total destruction, tho walls alone remaining standing. The build-ing was mainly occupied by Charles E. Lewis, dealer in undertaker goods, and C. O. Baxter, dealer in undertaker goods, and C. O. Baxter, manufacturer of picture frames, the former losing about \$80,000 and the latter \$45,000. At 1 a. m. the fire was under control, and ne further danger was apprehended. The two upper stories of the china store were burned out; the lower floors were badly damaged by water. The next store to the north, occupied by F. W. Rosenthal & Co., carpet, &c., was slightly burned in the rear, and was damaged by water to the extent of about \$10,000; fully insured. The Goodyaar rubber store was also slightly buched by fire in the \$10,000; fully natured. The Goodyaar rubber store was also slightly touched by fire in the rear, and suffered a loss of several thousand dollars by water. The building is owned by the Lucas heirs, and is insured for \$37,000. The building occupied by Merrick, Walsh & Phelps was owned by Charles N. Hunt, and insured for \$11,000. That occupied by Withmar, Gray & Kaminski was owned by Mrs. Julia M. Turner, insurance \$10,000; and that occupied by Rosenthal & Co., by Miss Bernie Morrison, insurance \$25,000.

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CriticaGo, Jan. 6.—P. A. Kennedy & Co.'s cracker factory, a five-story brick building on Desplaines street, adjoining the Lyceum theater, was discovered to be on fire at 1 o'clock this morning. The fire scomed likely to account to the theater, and the account in the case of the ca to spread to the theater and to a number of frame buildings in the vicinity, and second and third marms were sent out, bringing nearly every steamer in the city to the secone. The fire was got under control at 2:20 o clock, but not until it had entirely consumed the cracker factory and several of the frame buildings. Kennedy & Co. lose \$50,003, insurance unknown. The Lyceum theater was saved, by the heroic efforts of the firemen. The building was damaged to the extent of

THE LOTTERY CASES.

Decision That the First National Bank of New Orleans Is Entitled to Free Use of the Matts.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6 .- Judgo Pardee, in the United States circuit court yesterday, rendered an opinion in the case of the New Orleans National bank against Postmaster W. B. Merchant. The case came up on a motion to dissolve the injunction, first issued by Judge Tissot, of the civil district court, which was transferred to the United States court enjoining Postmaster Merchant from inter-fering with the mails addressed to the bank, such action having been taken by the post-master in obedience to the orders of the postmaster in obedience to the orders of the post-master general, on the ground that letters in-tended for a lottery company, which had been denied the use of the mails, were being addressed to the bank. The judge said that it seemed to him doubtful whether the order of 1830 permitting the use of the mails to the lottery company abrogated the ediet of 1874 forbidding their use. The court held that the scheme denounced by law is the dis-tribution of meneys through the mails by means of false and transdulent representations. The facts found against the New Orleans The facts found against the New Orleans National bank are outside of the law, but the defendant cannot be held responsible for obeying the orders of his superior. The cour decided in favor of the bank, decreeing that it was entirled to the full and free use of the nails, and further ordered that the motion to dissolve the injunction be denied. This is the case Attorney General Browster came here, with other government counsel, to de-fend.

FOUND PROZEN.

man's Love and Death.

Special Dispatch.
LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 6.—Arthur Legrand Stafford, who claimed to be a natural son of the Earl of Dunraven, landed in New York from an Inman steamer the latter part of November. At the St. Nicholas hotel he met sporting southern men and they decided to go to Maine hunting and fishing. On the way they stopped at Banger, Maine, where way they stopped at Hanger, Maine, where Stafford made the acquaintance of a New York lady. Both became desperately smit-ten, and when Stafford started for the woods they had plighted their troth. On Dec. 31 Stafford left the camp, with his rifle, for a stroll. Shortly after a hard snow storm set in, and Stafford did not return, and his com-panious went to find him. They were un-successful and returned to the camp about miduleht. Early in the magning of Lev. they main set out. About three miles from they main set out. About three miles from the camp they found Stafford in the firm embrace of a she-bear and both were frozen. A knife was sticking in the lafe fore shoulder of the bear. A short distance away a half-grown cub, with a knife wound in its heart, was discovered. The guide said that Stafford had attacked the cub first, and was then set upon by the bear. Stafford's companion went to flanger and told the story to the young ady. She lost her reason and is now in a desperate condition. She will be sent to the Elmira asylum to-morrow.

Three Children Burned to Death,

CULPEPER, VA., Jan. 6 .- A fearful calamity ecurred near here yesterday evening. The caldenge of Heary Tutt was consumed by fire, together with three of his children, al by their parents whilst on a visit to a neigh-bor. There was a total less of everything— furniture and wearing apparel. No insur-

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

-There is a marked improvement in the condi-ion of Mon. Shaon Campron, who is now unde-aedigal treamagn at Mot Strings, Ark.

-Charles W. towe, proprieter of a peroli saw all in fast imore, has understand imment for the crefit of the ereditors. The trustees found is for

The mock marriage between Mess Analo E-layers and J. Waher Vaughn, which was cele-rated at a so-table at Flatbuah, L. L. has been colored invalid.

e-The Billing of Dietrek & Co., wholesale bug to transferigers of Sun Francisco, is announced to planning are given at \$2,500, acrost \$10,000. In The irra one few Vota eration \$10,000. -Irrim's two wiets regaginant in Botton febrer 5.000, while no NE-on Open company's go pero not c s there broadt in 200,000, has backing the Buildies pay 250,000 then to Henry E Abbey.

- Mary V. Young, soverteenth wife of the late Brigham Young, she'l at that have noted day in the 18th year of her nge, statem mourning with as shill survive the proposet, four een of whom live in saik Lake.

- Am unclus, the translations, declined to play at the New Haven (Coun.) opera house until the rice of admirator to the unflary, which had been advertised at 25 cmm, was mind to 35 cmm. Who all the rice could now a timestrum show for a quirter, builting couldn't one lamine begins for that price

Only the Almighty Can Save Them.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 6.— The mountly esting of the Salt Lake Mormon pressbood a held yesterday. Hishop John Sharpe St. Poter's caures, bertly attest, New York.

TO ZERO AND BELOW.

Continuation of the Stinging Cold Weather The Well-Known German Politician Dies Here and Elsewhere.

What Lieut. Powell Has to Say About the Weather.

It Will Be Warmer To-Morrow, But Another Cold Wave Is Coming.

The Range of the Thermometer in Other Localities.

The cold wave predicted by Lieut. Powell in his interview with a REPUBLICAN reporter, Friday night, reached this city on schedule time Saturday morning with a temperature pretty closely related to zero. The change was rather sudden, and caused "night liners' to turn in their ricketty vehicles long before daylight. The patrolman, who a few hours before had sanntered leisurely along over his beat was impelled to feats of pedestrianism that would have done full justice to O Leary or Hart. Even the stray dogs that had been "nosing" around the markets after bones and scraps of meat crawled under cover to avoid the freezing north wind and rapidly declining temperature. These who had retired the night before while the temperature was lingering about the freezing point (32°) were astonished in the morning to find that Jack Frost had fantastically and grotesquely decorated the window panes with frozen lace. They were equally surprised on pedestrianism that would have done full jusfrozen lace. They were equally surprised on going out of doors to feel his icy breath, which sent them scudding along in a lively manuer, and caused their ears and noses to The icy wave continued throughout yesterday, and at an early hour this morning private thermometers about town indicated the temperature all the way from three to ten degrees below the zero mark.

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A REPUBLICAN reporter interviewed Lieut,
Powell, of the signal corps, at an early hour
this morning on the outlook, "Our instruments," he said, "show that the temperature
is down to zero. It will gradually go up today, and to-morrow will be decidedly warmer.
There is a storm developing in Texas, which
will probably come this way. If it does the
temperature will doubtless go up to 32° above
zero.

"Then the cold wave will pass on to-mor

row?" said the reporter.
"Yes," was the reply; "it is going to warm
up considerably. However, the temperature
is beginning to fall in the northwest, and another Arctic wave may follow this one."

"How is it elsewhere? "It is warming up all over the country. This cold wave has extended to Florida and caused considerable damage to the orange crop. We gave the growers there three days notice of its approach however, and they may have saved much of the growing fruit. may have saved much of the growing fruit."

The wave which is passing over this city started last Tuesday in the northwest, where for three days the temperature ranged from 40° to 54° below zero. Some of the temperatures which preceded the wave were as follows: At Bismarck, Dak., the mercary was 19° below zero; Huron, Dak., 15 below; St. Vincent, Minn., 17 below; Moorehead, Minn., 15 below; Mount Washington, 12 below; Milwankee, 7 below; Cairo, 5 below; Nashville, 0; Cleveland, 2 above; Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 4; Erie, 8; Boston, 10; New Haven, 13; Albany, 15; New York, 15; Norfolk, 15; Atlantic City, 13; Cape May, 15; New Orleans and Savannab, 40, and Jacksonville, 42. The cold wave was predicted by the signal office on Thursday, and in making the announcement very cold weather for Saturday night was indicated, with still lower temperature for Sunday night.

THE RECORD ELSEWHERE.

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PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 6.—The weather here last night was extremely cold, the ther-mometer, in exposed places, registering 5 de-grees below zero. Many hydrants were frozen To-night the Appointtox river at this point is frozen over and navigation im-

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 6 .- The thermometer at 4 a. m. to-day registered 13 degrees above zero, the coldest weather here in 135 years.
Kansas Crry, Mo., Jan. 6.—The mercury

yesterday morning was about 20° below zero, the coldest weather in years. It is reported that a number of mules were frozen to death on a stock train twenty miles from here, on the Missouri Pacific rallroad.

BISMARCE, DAK., Jan. 6.—The coldest weather known in ten years prevails here.
On Thursday night the mercury descended

to 39° below zero, and last night to 26° below

zero.

JAMESTOWN, DAK., Jan. 6.—Yesterday was the coldest day ever known in this locality. It was 45° below in the morning and 42° at

VERGENNES, Vt., Jan. 6.—The weather to-day has been the coldest experienced in ten years, the thermometer registering 36° below zero. The snow is fifteen inches deep and the ice on Otter creek from twelve to four-teen inches thick. Lake Champlain is re-ported closed from Whitehall to Essex lightported closed from Whitehall to Essax againouse. The following temperatures are reported to-day: West Randolph, 38° below; licatileboro, 20° to 25° below; White River junction, 25° below; St. Johnsbury, 40° inction, 25° below; Woodstock, N. H., pelow; Barre, 42° below; Woodstock, N. H.

A VETERAN FENIAN.

Funeral of Luke Clara, Who Had Been Active in Irish Revolutionary Matters for Over Fifty Years.

Special Dispatch.

SCHANTON, PA., Jan. 6.—The funeral of Luke Clark, a veteran Fenian, took place this afternoon at Dunmore, where he died last Friday evening at the age of 82 years. He had been active in Irish revolutionary affairs for more than half a century, and was tried for treason and sentenced to death by the British government many years ago. He managed to escape from prison, however, and came to this country. When the Fenian agitation was at its height, the was one of the trested licutenants of James stephens, a fast which led to the making of the charge a few years ago that he furnished the information which led to the arrest of he head center.

Chick defended himself promptly against

the vile charge, and showed conclusively that it was unfounded. He lived in this region or some time, and often walked to New York for some time, and often wanter to New York and Philadelphis to attend conventions. He believed that Ireland could nover be freed except by physical force, and was an ardent advocate of that doctrine. His principal possosion was an old scrap-book, which he carried about with him, and in which he kept bould of the Irish republic and newspaper eliminate. He did in extreme poserty but He died in extreme poverty

Col. Rathmone Will Live, But be Insane HANOVER, Jan. 6.—The physicians attendng Col. Rathbone are of the opinion that he will recover physically from the effects of his saif inflicted wounds, but it is believed that after his recovery it will be necessary to send bim to an asclura.

pocialists at the Tomb of Blanqui. Pages, Jan. 6.—Three hundred socialists risited the tomb of M. Blanqui and other communists, in the Pere La Chaise centetery, to-day. A number of spacetics were made, in which the spaceter expressed their hope of revenge against the bourgeoise. They also Bisbee murderers, five in all.

announced the isanguration of a monument in memory of those who took part in the com-

DEATH OF HERR LASKER.

Suddenly in New York. Your, Jan. 6 .- In a stable in this

ity, unattended save by one friend, a strange physician, and a few stablemen, Dr. Edward Lasker, the well-known German political leader, died at a late hour on Friday night. He dined that evening at the house of the well-known banker, Jesse Seligman, No. 2 East Forty-sixth street. Between 10 and 11 o'clock he hade good night to his host, and in company with August Wasserman, a friend, who is staying at the Glissy house, he in company with August Masserman, a friend, who is staying at the Gilsey house, he started to walk down town to No. 102 Lexington avenue, where he had been living for three weeks. Between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-fourth streets Lasker complained of pain and dissinces, and a moment or two afterward was seized with a hemorrhage. Mr. Wasserman wished to call a cab, but his companion objected. The hemorrhage seemed in some degree to have relieved him, and he said he was perfectly able to walk the remaining half dozen blocks. When they reached Twenty-sighih street, however, Dr. Lasker was hearly unconscious, and his friend half carried and half led him to Mrs. Paran Stevens's stable. Here he was assisted to a chair. He was breathing with difficulty and evidently dying, One of the stablemen ran for Dr. Charles T. Buffum, who lives at No. 12 East Twenty-eighth street, but when the physician reached the dying man life was nearly extinct. He only breathed a few times. It was then the dying man life was nearly extinct. He only breathed a few times. It was then

the dying man he witnes. It was then about 11:20.

The body of the dead man lay in the stable for several hours, until Deputy Coroner Jenkins granted a permit for its removal. It was then taken to No. 102 Lexington avenue. Early yesterday morning Coroner Martin was given notice; in the afternoon he went to the given notice; in the afternoon he went to the house and made an investigation. He decihouse and made an investigation. He deci-ded that a post-mortem examination was ad-visable, which was made early this morning. The only relative of Dr. Lasker in this city is H. Richter, of No. 822 Lexington avenue, who is a dry goods merchant doing business at No. 440 Broadway. A brother of the deceased man lives in Gaiveston, Tex. He will proba-

man lives in Galveston, Tox. He will proba-bly arrive here on Wednessiay morains.

An antopsy on the body of Dr. Edouard Lasker was made to-day, at No. 102 Lexing-ton avenue. Coroner Martin, Deputy Coroner, W. T. Jenkins, Dr. William H. Welch, of Bellevne hospital, who conducted the au-topsy; Dr. Abraham Jacobi, and Dr. C. T. Buffume were present. The autopsy showed a thermatous condition of blood vessels, softening of the brain in two of blood vessels, softening of the brain in two spots, a dilated heart, with fatty degeneration of the muscular tissues of the heart, and an affection of the lungs. The result indicates

that the desensed statesmen was the victim of heart disease of an aggravated form.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The friends of Herr Lasker are making preparations for the funeral of the deceased statesman, It is intended that the ceremonies shall be of an imposing character.

THE OHIO SENATORSHIP.

The Payne Men Control Everything in the Cancus-The Pendleton "Slate" Left Entirely.

Special Dispatch. COLUMBUS, Jan. 6.-The feature of the contest for senator yesterday was the caucuses for the organization of the senate and house. The Payne men claim to have captured every point. The licutenant governor is the senate presiding officer, but for president pro tem. a presiding efficer, but for president protem, a rank adherent of Payne was nominated with unly trifling opposition. For clerk, C. N. Vallandigham was chosen. While discreet in his utterances he was pushed by the Payne men. Charles Negley, of Darke county, was the recognized Payne man for sergeant-atarms, and was elected by a handsome majority in the house. A. D. Marsh was elected speaker. He is in favor of Ward, but is for Payne on second choice, and is in every way satisfactory to the Payne managers. D. S. Fisher was nominated for clerk of the house. He has been traveling over the state for He has been traveling over the state for weeks in the interest of Payne. The Pendleton men were not able to name a single nominee that was on their "slate.

A joint caucus was hold last night at which A joint caucus was held last night at which the Payne men dictated the officers and pushed through a resolution fixing next Tuesday night as the time for nominating a senator, being several days earlier than their opponents wanted. They also named the committee on rules, which is understood to give the Payne managers control of the question of a overage secret halls. The Pandle. tion of an open or secret ballot. The Pendle-ton men affect to believe that the organization has lent little significance, but nevertheless the result has checked the talk which they have been indulging in for some days in hotel

Senator Pendleton, however, is still carn-estly in the field and is recognized as a shrewd politician.

NORFOLK, Jan. 6.-The democrats will not vote to-morrow. Bowden, the chairman o the republican executive committee, is muster of the situation and holds the fort, and will have his force in line to-morrow and win the day. With his liberal cohorts, de-spite all bourbon subterfuge and bare-faced tricbery. The Virginian advocates the elec-tion of John Callahan, in Norfolk county and Portsmouth, for senator of that district over M. P. Rue, and calls the election in this district to-morrow a fraud and a farce. The Virginian is an ultra-bourbon organ, and its doctrine "anything to beat Mahone."

A Swiss Reformer's Anniversary. RALTIMORE, Jan. 6.-The four hundreth anniversary of the birth of Ulrich Zwingli, the Swiss reformer, was held this afternoon at the Academy of Music, and was largely attended. Addresses were delivered in English by Reved, H. A. Bomberger, of Ursina college, Pennsylvania, and in German by Rev. Dr. J. Kuling, of Philadelphia, and others. The music was furnished by the Baltimore Liedersey.

New York, Jan. 6.—Miss Helen H. Gardener lectured to night at Chickering hall on "Men, Women, and Gods." She was Introduced by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, who came from Washington for this purpose. Miss Gar-dener asserted her disbellef in any religion, and severely criticised the position taken by Biblical writers on the subject of woman'

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.-Charles W. Fisher,

age 15, a policeman of the eastern district, wandered from his beat at 1:30 o'clock this morning, and walked into the dock at the foot of South street, drowning before help could reach him. He is supposed to have been under temporary mental absertation.

fujured by a Drunken Mob.

MOUNT CARMEL, PA., Jan. 6,-Jacob Sharkly, John G. Lenter, and a child were soriously injured has night by a dranken mob-in a Hungarian boardinghouss. The mob-at-tacked the house, breaking in the doors and windows. Officers made several arrests.

Gen. Grant's Condition, up to-day, but his condition indicated gradual improvement. This injuries will confine him to the house longer than was at first autici-

Tommerone, Ariz., Jan. 6.—"filg Dan" was emplored yesterday, and Delanoy is reported This completes the list of the THE LICENSE QUESTION.

A General Expression of Objection to the Personal Tax.

The movement inaugurated by THE NA-TIONAL REPUBLICAN last wook, of presenting the views of Washington merchants and others regarding a change from from the system of personal tax to that of license, was

followed up Saturday and yesterday by reporters of this paper.

Mr. F. D. Wright, a prominent lawyer of
South Washington, said: "A personal tax, in
my opinion, should nover be used except by
the national government for raising revenue
in time of war. Being injunisitorial in its na. in time of war. Being intquisitorial in its usture, it is entirely obnexious to the American system of government. It should never be re-sorted to when more popular and adequate means of raising the revenue are at hand. means of raising the revenue are at hand. From my personal knowledge it will cost more to enforce the law thorougly, and secure returns from every person who should make returns, than any revenue system should cost a municipality. The personal tax law has never been the subject of judicial decision in this district, and, I think, it would cost the people and the government both as much to secure a construction of that law as it did to secure a construction of the "statute o secure a construction of that haw as it did to secure a construction of the "statuta of frauds and perjuries" when it was enacted in England. The natural result of the continuance of this law would be to limit and restrict trade, and eventually, be to limit and restrict trade, and eventually, by a reduction in the stock carried by mer-charts, cause capital to go to either cities where it would become a source of profit in-stead of a source of expense as it is under this law. It is an embargo act on trade in its operations, and should be repealed at once. If it is ever concluded to test the lawfully 10,000 cases will be the subject of indicial

10,000 cases will be the subject of judicial controversy, involving incalculable expense, vexation, and annoyance."

Mr. Gustav Lansburgh, the Seventh street dry goods morehant, said: "I think the personal tax law is a humbug. A great many people crosp out of paying their personal tax. I prefer a graded license. The personal tax is very unjust."

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Nr. J. W. Drew, the druggist, said: "I favor license. It can be collected more easily than personal tax, which is inquisitorial, and hard to collect. One class will pay, another will not. I am heartily in favor of an equal license system. The personal tax law drives capital away, and I think the present concreas will receal it."

gross will repeal it."

Mr. George F. Timms, the clethier, said:
"I am decidedly opposed to a personal tax
and in favor of a license system. The personal tax law has not a single feature to
recommend it. It is inquisitorial and burdenounce.

densome."

Col. James A. Tait, the East Washington magistrate, said: "I am heartily opposed to a personal tax. It drives capital away from our city, and is inquisitorial."

Mr. Thomas S. Nairn, of the drug firm of Nairu & Ogram, said: "I favor the license system for various and obvious reasons."

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Mr. Joseph Wattemeyer, a Capitol hill
dealer, said: "I favor a license system, because a merchant cannot conscientiously
make returns without going over his stock.
Let there be an equitable license for every
dealer. The police can then see if the merchants have paid up. The personal tax can
easily be evaded."
Mr. George Rensel, the raint and all easily be evaded."

Mr. George Ryneal, the paint and oil dealer, said: "I profer a license system. The difficulty about a personal tax is that it will fall upon a few. A great many persons who

difficulty about a personal tax is that it will fall upon a few. A great many persons who should pay will avoid payment. Personal tax, also, will prevent capital from being invested here."

Dr. F. X. Deeley, the East Washington druggist, said: "The personal tax is unjust. It is a humbur, and will drive capital away. I favor license."

Mr. John W. Thompson said: "The personal tax should be abolished."

tax should be abolished." Mr. M. W. Galt, the Jeweler, said: "A ma-jority of the business men will approve the plan devised by Commissioner West. I favor

a license system

The Philharmonic Society. The members of this society and members of the Choral chorus, together with any of their friends having good voices and a fair knowledge of music, are requested to meet for rehearmal on Wednesday evening next, Jan. 9, at 7:30 o'clock, at Sheldon hall, 1004 F street by it is no clock, at Shedon hall, 1001 r street northwest. A full attendance is requested by the executive committee to meet and extend a cordial welcome to Dr. E.S. Kimball, the new director, and J. B. Tinton, esq. organist of Epiphany church, who has kindly consented to preside at the piano. The society is to be compressabled upon laying those ety is to be congratulated upon having these talented musicians to take charge of the re-hearsals, and it is hoped it will resume the position it once held, when such distin-guished artists as Mrs. Kelloog, Mmo. Tietjens, the lamented Parepa-Rosa, and other oratorio singers took part with its members in ren-dering the grand oratorios of the great

The Feast of the Epiphany.

At St. John's P. E. church yesterday the service for the day was in due regard for the Feast of the Epiphany. The musical programme was well arranged, and included Smart's Te Deum in F. an opening trie for male voices from Mendelssohn's "Christus," "Say, Where is He Born, the King of the Jews?" at the offertory, Gound's "Nazareth," "Kings from a Far Land Draw Near and Adors Him," havytone sole and charts. and Adore Him," barytone solo and chorus A very large congregation was present. The sermon was appropriate for the day, being in brief a discourse upon the manifestation of the child Jesus to the Geatiles when He lay in the manger at Bethiebem. The Feast of the Epiphany was celebrated with similar exercises at all the Episcopal churches in the

The Continental Cadets.

A cadet company was organized Saturday ost under the title of Continental Cadeta, as a branch of the Washington Continentals.
They elected the following officers: Captain,
H. C. Grove; first licutemant, C. J. Hopkins;
second licutemant, C. W. Hewitt; oderly, F.
Johnson; quartermaster, O. C. Hine; treas-Johnson; quartermaster, O. C. Hine: treas-urer, Capt. W. W. Mills, of the Washington Continentals, and secretary, E. C. Kant. Ap-Continentals, and secretary, E. C. Kant. Ap-plication for membership can be made to the

Surgical Operation.

Dr. Hamilton E. Leach, the surgeon of the Washington Light infantry, yesterday per-Washington Light intastry, yesterday performed a surgicial operation on one of the members of the corps, Mr. C. F. Lerds. The doctor was assisted by the assistant surgiou of the infantry, Dr. McArdle. The operation, while painful, was a successful one.

Police Work.

During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning the total number of arrests made by the police was fifty-three. A General Parado.

On the occasion of laying the corneratons of the Washington Light Infantry's new armory, which will be done with Masonic coremonity, there will be a parade of the diss, there will be a parade of the dis-

A Store Door Open.

The store door of Messrs, Barber & Boss, on Pennsylvania avenue, near Eleventi-street northwest, was found open Saturday night by Officer Klopper, who secured the

Two Children Frozen in Bed. INDEPENDENCE, Iowa, Jan. 6 .- A boy and

girl named Hines, aged 6 and 7, were frozen to death in bed last night. The Weather To-Day.

Fire weather, warraire white shifting to northest-rig, Treating morning normer, rising bermuteter in morth of portion, rising followed by fulling barometer

THE WAR IN EGYPT.

Baker Pasha's Plan of Operations Again. El Mabdi.

The Populace of Khartoum Believe Him. an Envoy from God,

Great Uneasiness in Spain-The Army Suspected of Preparing for Revolt.

The Tonquin War-Renewed Fenian Alarms in England.

THE WAR IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, Jan. 6.—Baker Pasha's plan of campaign is, in brief, for the total evacuation of the southern Soudan and the concentration of the entire available Egyptian force between Sunkin and Berber. This will constitute his first line of defense, and Kosseir and Esneh will make the second line. It also includes an immediate order to the garrison at Khartoum to retire on Berber. The government here has, however, refused to sanction this last section of the plan, and stipulates that evacuation shall not take place until definite news is received that the advance of the

of the garrison. Col. Coetlogon reports that the population of Khartoum is armed and very hostile in feeling and are acting in concert with the enemy, only awaiting a signal to attack the troops. The fidelity of the troops themselves is not assured, and the Mahdi's emissaries are is not assured, and the Mandi s emissaries are active within as well as without Khartonm. It is their favorite prophecy that the Prophet will arrive in a short time. A deputation of the populace has been sent to the Egyptian governor, and bave raised loud clamers against his allowing any resistance to be made to the Mahdi when he arrives, as they say he is an envoy from God.

Mahdi is likely to result in the shutting up

RENEWED FENIAN ALARMS.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—There are renewed Fe-nian alarms in respect to the use of dynamite nian alarms in respect to the use of dynamite on the part of the officers of the Midland and other railway lines, but they have failed to create any sensation with the public. The scare has been traced to certain anonymous communications, designed merely to intimidate. The depots from London to the midland countles are being watched day and night, however.

land counties are being watched day and night, however.

The dynamite flend, Whitehead, who is undergoing penal servitude in Millbank prison, has been identified by the Birmingham detectives as James Murphy, hailing from Boston, Mass. Whitehead neither admits nor denies his identity. Dr. Gallagher, the associate of Whitehead, who is a prisoner at Chatham, it is reported, offers to make a revelation of the whole Irish-American dynamite compilarey upon condition that he be reveilation of the whole Irish-American dynamite compiracy upon condition that he be released, or that his sentence be mitigated. Dr. Gailagher declares that he was himself victimized by his confederates. It is suspected that Dr. Gallagher and Whitehead are being induced to turn informers under a promise of release.

DUBLIN, Dec. G.—Mr. Edward Harrington, restricts of the Kerry Scaling who is furn.

DUBLIN, Dec. 6.—Mr. Edward Harrington, proprietor of the Kerry Sestinet, who in June last was sentenced to six months imprisonment on account of the publication in the Sentinet of a placard inviting persons who desired to join in the invincibles to attend a menting, was released from the Teslee jail to-day, his term of imprisonment 1 carpired. Bands paraded the town in his release, and Messrs. Sullivan and reserved a menting of his frience.

rington addressed a meeting of his friends. 📝

THE TONQUIN WAR. PARIS, Jan. 6,-The Tonquin situation is unchanged. The silence of Admiral Courbet causes no alarm to the French government. Premier Ferry has given his approval to a postponement of the advance on Bacninh until Gen. Millot arrives at Hanoi to take command. The French continue their re-convaissances from Soutay toward Heang Hoa, but have met with little encouragement and no direct results, owing to the low stage of water in the canals. For the same reason it is likely that active operations will not be resumed until May.

UNEASINESS IN SPAIN.

MADRID, Jan. 6.—The rupture between the liberal factions is complete, and the country waits to see whom King Alphonso will call to power. Great uneasiness prevails The army is suspected of preparing for revolt and funds are falling. The crisis will last a fort-night. Even more hostile than the language of the republican is that of the ministerial

press to the monarchy.

An international tribune for the settlement of American claims is much discussed. Too United States asks \$5,000,000, and not \$10,-000,000. Spain will answer with claims for the cession for Florida and the losses of Spanish subjects during the war of indepen-The situation is critical for thu

ministry, king, and nation. RIOT IN HUNGARY.

Prestit, Jan. 6.—A conflict took place at Labeck to-day between person and farmers of crown property. Two gendarmes inter-tered for the purpose of re-toring order and were set upon by the moh. One of the gendames was tomahawked in the encounter and the other shot two of the rioters.

ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY. Trouble of a Man Who Married Two Wives.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6 .- A short time since Mrs. Maggie Harley, of New Jersey, came to this city in search of a lady, to whom sho heard her husband had been married. Samuel H. Harley is a native of New York, and in 1877 was married to Maggio Heward, of New Jersey. He remained with her a year or two and then disappeared He subsequently turned up in Baltimore and narried Miss Lydia Everest at the house of her parents, soon after moving to Nottaway county. Virginia. His treatment of the last wife became so cruel that she left him and returned to her home in this city. Harley then wote to his limit wife, requesting her to go to him. To satisfy herself then wrote to be are: whit, requesting her to go to him. To satisfy herself Mrs. Harley wrote to Virginia making inquiries as to the conduct and prospects of Harley, and the reply was that his wife had left bin and gone to ber home. Mrs. Harley left him and gone to ser home. Mrs. Harley No. I then came to Baltimore and had an interview with Mrs. Harley No. 2, which resulted in a request to presecute the husband for bigany. Harley was arrested by the Virginia authorities at the request of the marshal of police of Baltimore, who asked that be be held for a requisition and arrangements were being made to send for him. To-day information was received at police headquarters that Harley has been indicted and will be tried for biganny under the laws of Virginia. Both wives have gone to Virginia and are now in the possession of the store and other property of Harley. His trial is appointed for the eighth instant.

MUSON, DAK., Jan. G.-Near Vera station yesterday a passenger and a freight train colidea, demolishing both engines and setting fire to the freight train. The passenger train was saved by cutting it loose from the burn-ing wrock. One man was killed on the freight train. None of the passengers were Yesterday's thermometer 7 a. m., 5.07; 11 a. m., hurt. The passengers had to remain in the cars eight hours, with the temperature 30 below zero. 11.9°; 5 p. m., 14.5°; 7 p. m., 11.5°; 11 p. m., 8.4°; maximum, 11.5°; minimum, 1.7°.